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SUBJECT: ROMANIA SUPPORTS RECENT POLITICAL CHANGES IN
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1. EVER SINCE MILITARY COUP ROMANIAN MEDIA HAVE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE AND FAVORABLE ATTENTION TO EVENTS IN PORTUGAL. AT MAY DAY MASS MEETING ATTENDED BY TOP LEADERSHIP, BUCHAREST MAYOR CIOARA GAVE "WARM SALUTE TO THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE, TO THE DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THE COUNTRY, (AND) TO THE ARMED FORCES". FURTHERMORE, IN A MAY 3 SPEECH CEAUSESCU MENTIONED ONLY PORTUGAL IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AREA AND GAVE POSITIVE IF SOMEWHAT CAUTIOUS EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

2. COMMENT. ROMANIANS CLEARLY ARE PLEASED WITH RECENT CHANGES IN PORTUGAL. WHILE GOR CERTAINLY WILL MAINTAIN ITS OFT-REPEATED POSITION ON INDEPENDENCE FOR PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES, ROMANIANS NO DOUBT HAVE HOPES OF ESTABLISHING NORMAL DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH NEW REGIME AND ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO OPEN THE NECESSARY DOORS.

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